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Mildred Howard

The funeral for Mrs. Elton (Mildred Preble) Howard, 89, Groton, was held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 23, at the Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel in Groton with the Rev. Penny Eberhart officiating.

Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens near Aberdeen.

Casketbearers were Lyle Thurston and Steve Thurston, both of Groton; Harry Kemnitz, Columbia; David James, Bath; Edward Pautsch and Cornelius Van Riper, both of Aberdeen. Mrs. Ben Anderson was the organist and Mrs. Merle Harder soloist, sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere".

Mildred Andrus was born July 12, 1892, at Rochester, Minn. She moved with her family to North Dakota and grew up there. She married Jerry Preble and they lived at Cayuga, N.D., before moving to Aberdeen. They then moved to Washington. Following his death she returned to Aberdeen and later married Elton Howard May 26, 1959, at Groton. She had lived in Groton since that time. She was a member of the Columbia Congregational Church and the Order of the Eastern Star at Claremont.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Dale (Louise) Matteson, Renton, Wash.; and Mrs. Jay (Fern) Ostrom, Torrence, Calif.; one brother, Florin Andrus, St. Paul, Minn.; two sisters, Mrs. Bernice Preble, Baldwin, Wis.; and Mrs. Minnie Riedel, Davenport, Iowa; 13 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, two daughters, five brothers, one sister and seven grandchildren.